

## GINGER ROOT, KAWA

Hawaii's ginger root farmers harvested 14.4 million pounds during the 2001-02 season, down 20 percent from the previous season's revised estimate of 18.0 million pounds. Farm prices declined 33 percent to an average of 30.0 cents per pound during the 2001-02 season, and total farm revenues were pegged at \$4.3 million, down 47 percent from the 2000-01 season.

Untimely rains in the major growing areas along the eastern side of Hawaii island was a major reason for the decline in production during the 2001-02 season. Growers also indicated that an influx of foreign ginger into the U.S. market led to a drop in local farm prices to a level that a few farmers said it was uneconomical to harvest. The overall average of 30.0 cents per pound for the entire 2001-02 crop was the lowest since the 1970-71 season.

### GINGER ROOT: Acreage, yield, production, price, and value, State of Hawaii, 1998-2002

Year	Harvested acres	Yield per acre	Production	Farm price	Value of sales
		----- 1,000 pounds -----		Cents per pound	1,000 dollars
1998	360	50.0	18,000	40.0	7,200
1999	350	46.0	16,100	50.0	8,050
2000	270	50.0	13,500	66.0	8,910
2001	360	50.0	18,000	45.0	8,100
<b>2002</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>14,400</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>4,320</b>

### GINGER ROOT: U.S. imports, 1998-2002

Year	Unground (including fresh)	Ground	Sweet	Candied	Total
					1,000 pounds
1998	30,375	563	1,816	1,512	34,265
1999	33,679	669	2,059	2,000	38,406
2000	41,140	825	2,845	2,080	46,890
2001	39,682	2,255	2,649	2,151	46,737
<b>2002</b>	<b>44,306</b>	<b>2,244</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>3,017</b>	<b>52,882</b>

Source: Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States, Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

### KAWA: Number of farms, acreage, production, price, and value, State of Hawaii, 2000-2002

Year	Farms	Acreage <sup>1</sup>		Total sales <sup>3</sup>	Farm price <sup>4</sup>	Value of sales
		Total <sup>2</sup>	Harvested			
	Number	----- Acres -----		1,000 pounds	Dollars per pound	1,000 dollars
2000	50	80	5	85	1.40	119
2001	65	70	35	450	1.30	585
<b>2002</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>1.15</b>	<b>69</b>

<sup>1</sup> Includes kava inter-planted with another crop.

<sup>2</sup> As of December 31.

<sup>3</sup> Fresh weight basis. Dried kava ('awa) sales were converted to a fresh weight basis by multiplying by five. Includes all types of sale, including organic.

<sup>4</sup> Represents average farm price for fresh sales.